



Arizona Human
Trafficking Council

**Arizona Human Trafficking Council
Policy Committee
May 17, 2019
1:00 PM**

1700 West Washington Street, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85007

A general meeting of the Arizona Human Trafficking Council's Policy Committee was convened on May 17, 2019, at 1:00 PM 1700 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice having been duly given.

| Members Present (5) | |
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| Sheila Polk, Chairperson | |
| Doug Coleman | |
| Heather Carter (called in) | |
| Maria Fuentes | |
| Sarah Kent | |
| Staff/Guests Present (3) | Members Absent (2) |
| Nikki Green | Jim Waring |
| Stephanie Di Verde | Kate Brophy McGee |
| Joanna Jauregui | |

Call to Order

- **Chairperson Sheila Polk, Chair**, called the Policy Committee meeting to order at 1:09 p.m. with 5 members and 3 staff and guests present.

Welcome/Introductions

- **Chairperson Polk** welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes

- **Chairperson Polk** asked for a motion to approve them minutes, **Hon. Doug Coleman** motioned, **Ms. Maria Fuentes** seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Review and discussion of HT 101 for Legislators

- **Chairperson Polk** asked for an update on how the Human Trafficking 101 training went for legislators.
- **Ms. Nikki Green** said that back in March the Council hosted Human Trafficking 101 for Legislators. Only 7 legislators attended, due to unpredictable schedules. Bandak Lul from ASU STIR did a
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wonderful job presenting. Judge Gass was also there, and he was helpful during the Q&A part. The presentations were well received and she believes it is worth talking about doing them again.
- **Ms. Fuentes** suggested that it might be worth exploring committees that can be presented to.
- **Hon. Coleman** agreed that we should continue to offer it. Perhaps do on election years, first week of December
- **Chairperson Polk** agreed that the off season is a good idea, because legislators' time is in high demand. She also said that doing it annually would be great.
- **Ms. Kent** asked if there is any type of incentive that can be provided. **Ms. Fuentes** said that would be something to look into.

Identification of Data Collection Among Agencies

- **Chairperson Polk** next directed everyone to the results of the Data Survey that was sent out back in December/January.
- **Ms. Fuentes** said there seems to be a discrepancy between the question regarding policies on how to serve victims of human trafficking and the one regarding policies to identify victims. Might be worth looking into that. **Ms. Fuentes** also said that this survey was an initial snapshot of where agencies are, and where, or if/how we can help them with policies. Perhaps the next step is to talk with certain agencies about what they are doing and have an agency to agency conversation.

- **Ms. Kent** asked what barriers might exist that prevents agencies from having policies
- **Ms. Fuentes** said we can make a recommendation for the next meeting to include what we would like to hear/learn more about in that space. She said GOYFF will look closer at the results.

Human trafficking continuing education for teachers

- **Chairperson Polk** reopened the conversation from the last meeting about whether or not teachers are able to receive credit for attending HT 101.
- **Ms. Fuentes** said we would need to ask the Council Chairs, and then get to the Department of Education to meet in order to discuss this idea. The conversation regarding training in the education space is already in the works because of STARFISH Project. Perhaps it also makes sense to think of different ways to reach that audience, summer camps, and other strategies to deploy the training. Looking at the most intensely hit populations and communities. GOYFF-McCain Institute partnership has begun this and will continue to grow.
- **Ms. Kent** mentioned that when she thinks about youth with unfortunate circumstances, she thinks of the McKinney Vento Liaisons at schools that work with these students. Each school as a Liaison and the State Coordinator for Homeless Education is the boss of these Liaisons, and who better to train them or get us into the schools/teachers?
- **Ms. Fuentes** mentioned "School Connect", a partnership between schools and churches (like a CarePortal for schools). Perhaps the Council can get those involved in School Connect educated to expand the reach. Also, "Foster Ed," a triage between foster care and schools, might be a good resource for education. A lot of opportunity to get education into spaces of professionals that work with educators in schools.

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Myths vs. Facts Infographics

- **Chairperson Polk** asked for an update on where the subcommittee is on the Myths vs. Facts Infographics that were discussed at the last meeting.
- **Ms. Fuentes** said that in October this idea had come up and what was developed by GOYFF staff did not end up being what she had in mind for these

infographics. Perhaps the subcommittee can come up with 3-5 hard core myths that would be best put onto these infographics. Ms. Fuentes suggested that perhaps Dr. Dominique Roe-Sepowitz would be a good source for listing some, as well as Ms. Kent. However, Ms. Fuentes said she is still a bit unclear of who the audience will be for the infographics.

- **Chairperson Polk** said she had the idea because certain things kept being repeated to her, such as “I can’t work with children” or “I can’t get housing” but she could not find what laws said. She interviewed services coordinator at Dream Center and asked her what is the impediment? Nothing mentioned seemed to be actual law. Chairperson Polk said there is a federal law provision that says if you are essentially a trafficking victim, you do qualify for Housing 8.
- **Ms. Fuentes** stated that if state policy says you can’t, then we can look into how that can be changed. **Chairperson Polk** said she cannot find a state law that says this. **Ms. Fuentes** said then that is a myth.
- **Mr. Coleman** asked what charges we were talking about. He brought up an example of someone who could not be a counselor at StreetLight because of her past. **Chairperson Polk** said that this example is of someone who couldn’t get certification. Laws and regulatory agencies do exist around certifications, so it is possible that there is something out there that would prohibit obtaining this.
- **Ms. Fuentes** suggested that perhaps the infographic could have a myth, fact and then a real life example.
- **Chairperson Polk** brought up the “Ban the Box” that says when applying to a government position, employer cannot ask about criminal history. At some point a background check would happen.
- **Ms. Fuentes** brought up the change in law to get rid of the term “child prostitution” has to be on the infographics. She said this term is not OK. **Chairperson Polk** said fixing the vernacular is important.
- **Chairperson Polk** mentioned the issue of college housing and that it would be great if we can change that.

Other Business

- **Chairperson Polk** asked about the National Advisory Committee (NAC) meeting coming up on May 28, specifically the subcommittee meetings.
- **Ms. Green** went over the three subcommittees and some of the other details of the meeting.
- **Ms. Fuentes** clarified how the Council will be split up to follow the NAC's subcommittees and what the hopes of the subcommittee outcomes will be.

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Next Meeting

- **Chairperson Polk** suggested meeting over the summer before the next full Council meeting.

Call to the Public

- No public wished to speak.

Adjourn

- **Chairperson Polk** called for adjournment at 2:04 PM.

Dated May 23, 2019
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Respectfully Submitted By:
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